भर में 71 विकास केन्द्रों को विकसित किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है जिनमें से 52 विकास केन्द्रों को अनुमोदित किया जा चुका है और वे कार्यान्वयन के विभिन्न चरणों में हैं। इनमें गुजरात राज्य को आवंटित किये गए 3 विकास केन्द्रों अर्थात् (1) वागरा (जिला भडौच), (2) गांधीधाम (जिला कच्छ) तथा पालनपुर (जिला बनासकांठा) को भी शामिल किया गया है। वागरा विकास केन्द्र को केन्द्रीय सहायता की पूरी राशि पहले ही जारी की जा चुकी है। अन्य दो केन्द्रों में से प्रत्येक को अब तक 100 लाख रु० जारी किये जा चुके हैं।

Wagons ordered by Railways

1547. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) wagons in terms of FWUs ordered through Wagon India Ltd., by Railways in 1996-97;

(b) the orders executed so far alongwith reasons for shortfall if any; and

(c) the order book position for 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) During 1996-97, Ministry of Railways released wagon orders of 13752.5 Four Wheeler Units (FWUs) inclusive of outstanding order from 1995-96 through Wagon India Ltd.

(b) The wagon builders have supplied 9120 FWUs upto February, 1997. The shortfall is mainly due to short supply of critical components like bogie and couplers, shortage of working capital and most public sector units are clearing the outstanding work load of 1995-96 tender orders, which were released by Railway Board only in August, 1995.

(c) Ministry of Railways have not released wagon orders under Railway Stock Programme for 1997-98 through Wagon India Ltd. so far.

Revival of Ashoka Paper Mill, Darbhanga, Bihar

1548. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan for the revival of Ashoka Paper Mill, Darbhanga, Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Ashok Paper Mills Kamgar Union, Bihar Unit had filed a writ petition with the Hon'ble Supreme Court for the rehabilitation of the Unit. The matter is sub-judice and is pending with the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Setting up a Tariff Commission

1549. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Tariff Commission;

(b) if so, in what manner they propose to make it autonomous and transparent; and

(c) the manner in which it was composed and the details of rules framed for its working?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have decided to set up an autonomous Tariff Commission.

(b) and (c) Government have also decided to refer the matter pertaining to its structure, composition and terms of reference, etc. to the Committee of Secretaries.